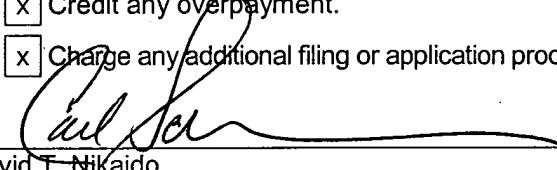


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Application No. 09/767,961		Filing Date January 24, 2001		Examiner John Goff, II	
Art Unit 1733					
Applicant(s): Tatsuya TAKAOKA					
Invention: METHOD FOR WRAPPING RUBBER STRIP AND WRAPPING APPARATUS					
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), the amended claim(s) are set forth in a marked-up version in the page(s) attached to this Amendment.

- B1
1. (Amended) A method for wrapping a rubber strip around a forming drum, comprising the steps of:
 - continuously extruding an unvulcanized rubber strip from an injection device;
 - pressing said rubber strip by a guide roll against said forming drum under tension, a pressed portion of said rubber strip and an extrusion outlet of said injection device disposed apart from one another at a length defining a space therebetween;
 - rotating said forming drum in synchronism with extrusion of said rubber strip so that said guide roll is driven; and
 - wrapping the rubber strip guided by said guide roll around said forming drum while extruding the unvulcanized rubber strip.